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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2018

Sunday, August 5th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy -
10th Sunday after Pentecost -
Tone 1- Forefeast of the
Transfiguration
Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:9
- 16; Matthew 17:14 - 23
Vespers of Transfiguration
and Blessing of Fruit



Monday, August 6th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy -
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Jesus Christ - Blessing of
Fruit

Sunday, August 12th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy - 11th Sunday after
Pentecost - Tone 2
Readings: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35

Tuesday, August 14th

7:00 p.m.: Vespers for the Dormition of the Mother
of God - Blessing of Flowers

Wednesday, August 15th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy -
*Feast of the Dormition of the
Mother of God- Blessing of
Flowers*



Sunday, August 19th

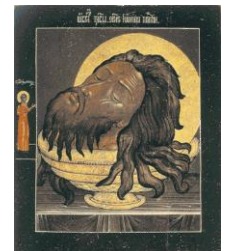
9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy - 12th Sunday after
Pentecost - Tone 3
Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11; Matthew 19:16
- 26

Sunday, August 26th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy - 13th Sunday after
Pentecost - Tone 4
Readings: 1 Cor 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33- 42

Tuesday, August 28th

7:00 p.m.: Great Vespers and
Litiya for the Beheading of John
the Baptist



Wednesday, August 29th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy -
Beheading of John the Baptist

Sunday, September 2nd

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy - 14th Sunday after
Pentecost - Tone 5
Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Matthew 22:1-14

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FROM FATHER MICHAEL

CONTACTING FATHER

You may call me at either of the following numbers:
203-386-8888 or my cell phone at 203-218-1627.
Contact me at any time and especially in the event
of any emergencies, hospitalizations or problems
that may arise.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

Follow and "like" us on Facebook to keep up to
date. Search "St. John's Orthodox Church of Silver
Lane" on your Facebook search engine to find our
site or visit our church website at
www.stjohnsilverlane.net where there is a link you

can click to our Facebook site. Add these to your favorites and visit us frequently!

NICEAN CREED CHANTER SCHEDULE

The following groups and/or individuals are scheduled to chant the Nicean Creed on the following dates:

8/5 Chris G	8/26 Chris G
8/12 Peter S	9/2 Congregation
8/19 Congregation	9/9 Peter S

ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar servers are expected to be in the sanctuary at least five minutes before the beginning of any Liturgical service. Please try to arrive on time. The following altar servers are responsible for the altar on the following dates:

8/5 David P	8/26 David P
8/12 Stephen O	9/2 Stephen O
8/19 Magnus O	9/9 Magnus O



YOUR STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

Summer is here and thoughts of going on vacation are on your mind. Don't forget your church during these upcoming months, especially while you are away. Hopefully, we all have made a commitment to participate in our church stewardship offering for the year and to put aside at least our "dollar-a-day", or whatever we are able to, in order to help support the work of our church. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless all of you with health and happiness as you vacation, but remember to make your offerings before you leave!

THANK YOU TO

David and El Howard for spending two Saturdays (plus), in the heat of July, of their time, hard work and donation of materials to restore the deck on the church rectory. The entire flooring of the deck, which was rotting, has been replaced and the stairs are no longer in danger of collapsing. God bless you for your stewardship and grant you many years!

CANDLE DONATIONS



July 29

- Eternal Candle offered by Maria Michaels in memory of husband Stephen Joseph Michaels & Michaels Family. Memory Eternal!

August 5

- Eternal Candle offered by Maria Michaels in memory of husband Stephen Joseph

Michaels & Michaels Family. Memory Eternal!

August 12

- Eternal Candle offered by Maria Michaels in memory of husband Stephen Joseph Michaels & Michaels Family. Memory Eternal!

August 19

- Eternal Candle offered by Jed Schoucair for health of the Schoucair Family Members. Many Years!
- Iconostas Side Candles offered by Sandy Pleban in honor and for the health of daughter Lisa Pleban on the occasion of her birthday. Happy Birthday! Many Years

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The people listed below who are in need of our special prayers: Ann Balasa, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. Larry Barriger, Judy Berard, Fr. Thomas Blaschak, Andrea Bower, Dean Bradford (Mer. Marine), Penny Briganti, Andre Briganti, Melissa Brock, Rosemary Brown, Kimberly Calhoun, Shirley Canaan, Jean & Joseph Candela, Michael Capuano, Joyce Cayer, the child Haley and her parents Tara & Mark Chudy, Protopresbyter David Cochran, Burton Cornell, MaryAnn Damato, Ray Davidson, Jeff Delvecchio, Laura DeMayo, Karen Dobosz, Joan Dumas, Fr. John & Pani Patricia Duranko, Noreen Ehnnot, Marie Eichler, Fr. John & Pani Anna Jane Fencik, Carol & Bob Ferik, Bill Forth, Fr. John Gido, Chris, Eileen, Sarah, Nicholas & Annie Gombos, Ryan Gombos, Ken & Marie Hegyi, Tom Hetherington, Bruce Hultgren, Gus Jarosko, Maya Joyner, Jessica Keane, Peter Kerpchar, Bettie Kerpchar, Barbara Kolaric, Anastasia Koss, Sarah Kotos, Michele Krochta, Subdeacon Joseph Laput, Marcia Laput, Gregory Laput, Thomas Laput, Mark Lawruszko, Irene Lombard, Elsi Lotufo, John Lovell, Fr. Robert Lucas, Arthur Macura, Fr. Daniel Mahler, Irene Maty, Don Maxton, Peter McGinnis, Frank Meyernick, Lillian Mierzejewski, Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly, Megan Morrissey, Fr. Ted Mozes, Philip Murphy, Melanie Ordner, Merle Palmer, John Papa, Robin Pasquino, Raymond Peterson, Verna & Michael Pistey, Roseann & John Plavnicky, Sandy Pleban, Betty Pollman, Pani Eleanor Pribish, Ostap Pryjdun, Fr. Michael Psenechnuk, Judy Restieri, Linda Rosinsky, Peter Samilenko, Pani Helen Shutack, Cheryl Schultz, Josephine Sinatro, Pani Anna Slovesko, Pani Donna Smoley, Barbara Susi, Susanne Talley, Sarah Tartaglio, Pani Peggy Teklinsky, Daniel & Sebastian Tomy, Robert Weldon, Gary Wolff, Karen Ann Yuschak, Fr. John Zboyovski, Michael, Paula, Daniel, Holly, Tiffany, Lynn, Susan, Betty, Ann, Carol, Greg, Jackie, Savannah, Rekha & Our US Military Personnel.

Transfiguration



The transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by His apostles as “the Christ [Messiah], the Son of the Living God,” He told them that “He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things . . . and be killed and on the third day be raised” (Mt

16). The announcement of Christ’s approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples. And then, after rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John “up to a high mountain”—by tradition Mount Tabor—and was “transfigured before them.”

. . . and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as snow and behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish I will make three booths here, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead” (Mt 17.1–92, see also Mk 9.1–9; Lk 9.28–36; 2 Pet 1.16–18).

The Jewish Festival of Booths was a feast of the dwelling of God with men, and the transfiguration of Christ reveals how this dwelling takes place in and through the Messiah, the Son of God in human flesh. There is little doubt that Christ’s transfiguration took place at the time of the Festival of Booths, and that the celebration of the event in the Christian Church became the New Testamental fulfillment of the Old Testamental feast in a way similar to the feasts of Passover and Pentecost.

In the Transfiguration, the apostles see the glory of the Kingdom of God present in majesty in the person of Christ they see that “in Him, indeed, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,” that “in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Col 1.19, 2.9). They see this before the crucifixion so

that in the resurrection they might know Who it is Who has suffered for them, and what it is that this one, Who is God, has prepared for those who love Him. This is what the Church celebrates in the feast of the Transfiguration.

Thou wast transfigured on the mount. O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee (Troparion). On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father (Kontakion).

Besides the fundamental meaning which the event of the Transfiguration has in the context of the life and mission of Christ, and in addition to the theme of the glory of God which is revealed in all of its divine splendor in the face of the Saviour, the presence of Moses and Elijah is also of great significance for the understanding and celebration of the feast. Many of the hymns refer to these two leading figures of the Old Covenant as do the three scripture readings of Vespers which tell of the manifestation of the glory of God to these holy men of old (Ex 24.12–18; 33.11–34.8; 1 Kg 19.3–16).

Moses and Elijah, according to the liturgical verses, are not only the greatest figures of the Old Testament who now come to worship the Son of God in glory, they also are not merely two of the holy men to whom God has revealed himself in the prefigurative theophanies of the Old Covenant of Israel. These two figures actually stand for the Old Testament itself: Moses for the Law and Elijah for the Prophets. And Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (Mt 5.17).

They also stand for the living and dead, for Moses died and his burial place is known, while Elijah was taken alive into heaven in order to appear again to announce the time of God’s salvation in Christ the Messiah.

Thus, in appearing with Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah show that the Messiah Saviour is here, and that He is the Son of God to Whom the Father Himself bears witness, the Lord of all creation, of the Old and New Testaments, of the living and the dead. The Transfiguration of Christ in itself is the fulfillment of all of the theophanies and manifestations of God, a fulfillment made perfect and complete in the person of Christ. The Transfiguration of Christ

reveals to us our ultimate destiny as Christians, the ultimate destiny of all men and all creation to be transformed and glorified by the majestic splendor of God Himself.

There is little doubt that the feast of the Transfiguration of Christ belonged first to the pre-Easter season of the Church. It was perhaps celebrated on one of the Sundays of Lent, for besides certain historical evidence and the fact that today St Gregory Palamas, the great teacher of the Transfiguration of Christ, is commemorated during Lent, the event itself is one which is definitely connected with the approaching death and resurrection of the Saviour.

... for when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary (Kontakion).

The feast of the Transfiguration is presently celebrated on the sixth of August, probably for some historical reason. The summer celebration of the feast, however, has lent itself very well to the theme of transfiguration. The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits and vegetables on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord.

(The Church Year Volume II - Worship)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd: Stephen V
19th: Lisa P

26th: Melanie O
31st: Karen D & Elle H

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

8th: Bill & Melanie O

DON'T FORGET

- **If you would like to request a panahida service** on a Sunday, please add it to the panahida listing on the back table in church.
- **Please refrain from texting and phone calls during church.** There's a time and place for that ... and it's not during church services. If you must take a call, we ask that you step downstairs so as not to disturb everyone else.
- **If you or a family member goes into the hospital,** please have someone contact Father Michael

immediately. Hospitals no longer give out patient information when priests call to ask if a parishioner is a patient.

- **If you would like to have Altar Candles, Eternal Light, or side Iconostas Candles lit in honor of or in memory of family or friends,** please register on our signup sheet in the back of the church. A donation of \$5.00 is appreciated.
- **Annual Dues** is \$170.00 per person 18 years of age or older who is not attending college as a full time undergraduate student and not enlisted full time in the military.

OFFICERS MEETING

The monthly meeting of our church officers will take place on Sunday, August 26th after Fellowship Hour in the church hall. All officers are asked to attend.

WEDNESDAY BINGO

Come down to our weekly Wednesday Night BINGO in the Church Hall. BINGO begins at 6:45 p.m. with a "Winner Take All" game at 6:30 p.m. for early arrivals! We have free coffee and soda available during BINGO along with snacks. Hot dogs are available for a donation from 5:00 pm to the start of BINGO.



FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Stay in touch with our church family by sending a card or note, calling or visiting them. Let them know they are being prayed for and that they are missed and thought of often!

- Pani Helen Shutack, 229 Walnut Street, Apt 1, Royersford, PA 19468

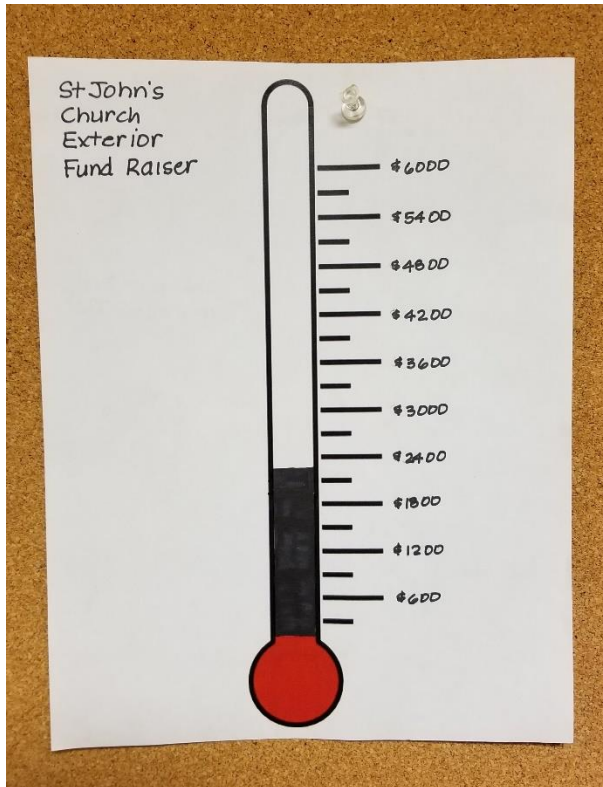
CHURCH EXTERIOR FUND RAISER

At our last officers meeting, we agreed that the church exterior is in need of repairs. The board approved moving forward with high pressure washing to remove the peeling paint and dirt, scraping and painting of the structure, repair and re-caulking of every window and covering with aluminum siding in certain areas is the recommended course of action. This would beautify the exterior of the building and prevent possible future damage to the interior of the church caused by water leaking through the windows. The cost is approximately \$6,000.00.

We need your help in raising the funds necessary to proceed with this renovation project. We are asking you, dear parishioners and friends of St. John's, to look deep into your heart and soul and prayerfully consider making a donation to help us maintain our church building for the glory of God and His worshipping community. Suggested donations of

\$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or whatever you can offer would be greatly appreciated...no amount is too little!

Checks may be made out to: St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church. In the "Memo" line designate your donation for "Exterior Church Renovation" and drop in the collection basket or mail to our parish address. Watch our fund raising thermometer grow in the church hall ...



LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER DINNER AND BINGO

Tired of cooking in the summer heat? Join us for a baby back ribs dinner in our air-conditioned hall on Sunday, August 12th at 4:00 pm. After dinner, you might want to stay and play some bingo with us as well. Contact Carole for reservations to eat in or take out and to volunteer to help serve/cleanup.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Our August Movie Night will take place on Tuesday, August 21st. Join family and friends to go see "Christopher Robin" at Bow Ties Cinema in Trumbull. Tuesday is discounted movie ticket day (\$7) and \$5 popcorn buckets. We'll know the movie time on the Sunday before. You should provide Debbie S with a head count and money on August 18th so that she can go purchase the tickets after church.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH

Attending camp? Volunteering in a diocesan event? Working this summer? Going on a special trip? Please share with Fr. Michael, including a

photo, by August 21st so that we can include you in our in our September bulletin.

College students heading back to college ... don't forget to give us your address while you are living away at school.

CARING FOR METROPOLITAN ORESTES GRAVESITE

Weekly upkeep assistance is needed at Metropolitan Orestes and Pani Yolanda's gravesite at St. John's Cemetery in Stratford. Watering flowers and plants, pruning, and weeding once a week. We are asking each ACRY household to sign up for a week or 2 through the end of November. See sign-up sheet in church hall.

BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER AND BINGO

The children are back in school and as you're adjusting to the school year and homework let us take care of dinner one day! Have a delicious chicken dinner with us on Sunday, September 23rd at 4:00 pm. If it's still warm out, we'll have the a/c on. After dinner, you can also stay and play some bingo with us. Contact Carole for reservations to eat in, take out (pick up after 5 pm) and to volunteer to help serve/cleanup.

HELPING OUR FRIENDS ON JOHN STREET

We are looking for some help to provide assistance to our friends who live on the streets of Bridgeport by providing a nourishing lunch (grinders, bottled water, snack bags, fruit) and some personal items (socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, tissues, etc.). Please consider donating the personal items or making a monetary donation so someone could shop for these items? Could you be one of 13 volunteers to go down to John Street on October 21st after church to distribute these items? See Debbie S before October 7th to sign up!

THANK YOU TO

- ❖ Kurk Kostenko and his team at Shoreline Building who have completed the exterior renovation work on the church building. They did an outstanding job and we'd highly recommend his team!
- ❖ All who worked at and attended our July Dinner and Bingo
- ❖ All who donated items towards our John Street Project ... Gombos family, Wendy & Bob Grabarz, Howard family, Sharon Lawruszko, Maria Michaels, Sandy Pleban, Pete & Debbie Samilenko ... and a special donation from the business Watson Foods Co, Inc! The people who received the lunch and personal items were very grateful for our kindness extended to them during tough times.

- ❖ Church exterior fund raiser donors: anonymous, Joanna Garmella, Dave & Elle Howard, Gus Jarosko, Joe & Lorrie Laput, Lillian Mierzejewski, Maria Michaels, Lou & Robin Pasquino, Joel Pleban, Sandy Pleban, Pete & Debbie Samilenko, Pani Helen Shutack
- ❖ **Our Stewards, God's Gardeners, snow removers, grounds and church cleaners!**

CHURCH SHOPPING WISH LIST

Donations of the following new items would be greatly appreciated for church:

- Paper Towels
- 2 liter Bottled Soda
- Regular & Decaf Coffee
- Tea bags (please make sure they are individually wrapped so they do not lose their freshness)
- Large Bags of Pretzels, Chips, & Cookies
- White Luncheon Napkins



Thank you to everyone who donated items this past month!

St. John's Mill Hill



Sunday, August 12

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**St. John's "Glevenaks' Grove"
Beaver Dam Road, Stratford**

Come and join us for a good, old-fashioned Church picnic at the Grove, with plenty of the food you love, ice-cold drinks and delicious home-baked goods, games and raffles and fellowship!

BLESSING OF TRANSPORTATION



August 18, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

74 Joe's Hill Rd. Danbury, CT

Race to benefit **The Healing Hearts Center for Grief and Loss** Danbury, CT www.healingheartscct.org

Sponsored by **Holy Trinity Orthodox Church**

www.holytrinitydanbury.org

Register online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Danbury/PerogieDash>

Events:

5K run and health walk 9 a.m.

1K kids Fun Run 8:30 a.m.

THIS MONTHS SCHEDULE OF COLLECTIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Envelope (Curators):

08/05: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Mercury)

08/12: Dues & Weekly Offering (Roger)

08/19: Air Conditioning & Weekly Offering (Wendy)

08/26: Weekly Offering (Sharon)

09/02: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Melanie)

Note: There is only one collection basket after the sermon. All envelopes for the day can go in that basket.

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

08/05: Michelle T

08/12: Sharon L

08/19: Wendy G

08/26: Elle H

09/02: Sandy P

09/09: Melanie O

09/16: Carole K

Bingo Workers:

08/01: Wendy, Carole, Sharon, Debbie

08/08: Chris, Carole, Roger

08/15: Chris, Carole, Debbie, Roger

08/22: Chris, Carole, Roger

08/29: Wendy, Carole, Sharon, Debbie

09/05: Carole, Sharon, Debbie

GODS GARDENER PROJECTS

Please support these projects that parishioners sponsor for the benefit of our parish operating fund:

Monthly Breakfast (Oct-Jun):

Join us for breakfast buffet after Divine Liturgy in the church hall on the first Sunday of the month! \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, free for under 5.

Recycle Used Printer Cartridges:

Drop off unwanted ink jet cartridges in the labeled boxes in our church hall instead of having it pollute our landfills. Staples will give us a credit for each cartridge that will be used to defray the cost of printing our bulletin!

Pampered Chef:

Stock up on favorite must have kitchen items & seasonings from Pampered Chef. 15% of the sales price goes to St. John's. Free shipping for purchases through God's Gardener. Free Pampered Chef product for any order over \$75.00. Earn even more for St. John's and yourself if you collect \$200 in orders from your friends and family. See or call Mercury @ 203.449.0115 for the new catalog with fabulous new Pampered Chef products!

Recycle Clothes, Lines, Shoes and More

Bring your useable clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillow cases, blankets, curtains, towels, & stuffed animals to our St. Pauly Textile Drop-Off Shed to help our church. St. Pauly send it to people who need it here in the United States & all over the world.

SAVE THE DATE

September 2018

23rd: Back to School Dinner and Bingo

October 2018

21st: Helping our Friends on John Street

28th: Halloween Dinner and Bingo

PREPARING ITEMS FOR JOHN STREET



DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS



- YES! I would like to support Diocesan Ministries & Apostolates! Enclosed is my check made payable to "Distinguished Diocesan Donors:
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- \$1,000 Gold \$10,000 Platinum
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